

**CHIPPEWA COUNTY  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

Regular Session  
November 14, 2016

The Chippewa County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, November 14, 2016 in the 91st District Courtroom of the Chippewa County Building.

Chairman Shackleton called the meeting to order at 5:37 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was recited.

Present: Commissioners Egan, Johnson, Martin, McLean and Chairman Shackleton

Absent: None

Also Present: Scott Brand, Evening News, Sheriff Mike Bitnar, Undersheriff Greg Postma, Jim and Michelle Traynor, Kristina Denison, Karen Senkus, Chippewa County Treasurer Marjorie Hank, Bobby Savoie, Rob Stratton, Frank Blissett, Tina James-Ojala, Dan Cairns, Paul Stanaway, Doug Mitchell, Anthony Stackpoole, Kerry O'Connor, Jeff Hagen, Holly Henderson, Nancy Skidmore, Deputy Administrator Kelly Church, Administrator Jim German, and Cathy Maleport, Clerk.

ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

It was moved by Commissioner McLean, seconded by Commissioner Johnson, to approve the agenda as presented. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

APPROVAL OF COUNTY BOARD MINUTES

It was moved by Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Martin, to approve the following minutes as presented:

- Regular Board Meeting – October 17, 2016
- Workshop – November 7, 2016
- Workshop – November 10, 2016

On a voice vote, the motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE

It was moved by Commissioner Egan, seconded by Commissioner McLean, to acknowledge the correspondence received in the clerk's office and, if necessary, forward to the appropriate committee. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

## PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Robert Savoie expressed his concerns with the proposed 2017 budget.
- Karen Senkus, from the Health Department explained that, the mounting cost that they are looking at in their Health Department budget has to do directly with the cost of retiree health insurance. She agreed, that they do know, that they need to take another look at how they are structured. Ms. Senkus went on to say, “We know that we need to fix things, but cutting services, especially cutting services that provide reimbursement to our agency that helps support that retiree health care cost, is not going to get us anywhere.”
- John Lechner expressed his concerns with ATF Special Agents referencing two United States Cannons, a 1900 and 1934 Model that were removed from his property on 9 Mile and Mackinac Trail.

Having no more public comments, Chairman Shackleton declared the public comments to be closed at 5:52 p.m.

**Administrator’s Report** – Jim German, given for informational purposes only – *no action items*.

## NEW BUSINESS

A. Resolution 16-23 Special Recognition Ailene L. Bitnar.

It was moved by Commissioner McLean, seconded by Commissioner Johnson, to approve Resolution 16-23 as follows:



### **RESOLUTION NO. 16-23 RESOLUTION IN APPRECIATION AND SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF TROOPER AILENE L. BITNAR**

**WHEREAS, Trooper Bitnar** was accepted and graduated from the Michigan State Police 109th Recruit School; Trooper Bitnar spent her whole Michigan State Police career in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan; and

**WHEREAS, Trooper Bitnar** has worked diligently and tirelessly at upholding and exemplifying the highly professional image of the Michigan State Police; **Trooper Bitnar's** work ethic, her reliability and her consideration to detail have earned her the highest regard by all her fellow Troopers, her peers and her supervisors; and

**WHEREAS, Trooper Bitnar** will retire from service with the Michigan State Police, effective October 31, 2016 with over 22 years of service to the Michigan State Police, having served at the Manistique, Newberry, and Sault Ste. Marie Posts during her years of service; and

**WHEREAS, Trooper Bitnar during** her career received many accolades and obtained many accomplishments including: serving as the Community Services Trooper.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** as follows:

1. That the Chippewa County Board of Commissioners respectfully dedicates this document to honor and thank **Trooper Bitnar** for her many years of public service with the State of Michigan and especially for her work in Chippewa County.
2. That the Chippewa County Board of Commissioners extends their best wishes to **Trooper Bitnar** for many years of enjoyment in her retirement.

AYES: Commissioners Egan, Johnson, Martin, McLean and Shackleton

NAYS: None

**THE RESOLUTION WAS DECLARED ADOPTED.**

**B) Resolution 16-24 CDBG Application and Authorizing Resolution and Letter of Support**

It was moved by Commissioner McLean, seconded by Commissioner Martin, to approve Resolution 16-24 as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 16-24

**CDBG APPLICATION AND AUTHORIZING RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS,** she has been invited by the Michigan Strategic Fund to submit a CDBG application in the amount of \$56,000; and

**WHEREAS,** Chippewa County desires to use the CDBG funds for the development of the Eastern Upper Peninsula Transportation-Logistics Strategy, an effort led by the Eastern Upper Peninsula Regional Planning & and Development Commission; and

**WHEREAS,** the Chippewa County commits local funds from the Eastern Upper Peninsula

Regional Planning & and Development Commission's Michigan Regional Prosperity Initiative grant award, Chippewa County Economic Development Corporation, and a Local Technical Assistance grant awarded to the Eastern Upper Peninsula Regional Planning & and Development Commission in the amount of \$56,000; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed project is consistent with the local community development plan, *Elevating the Eastern Upper Peninsula*, the region's U.S. EDA Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy and Michigan Regional Prosperity Initiative plan as described in the Application; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed project will alleviate conditions having a particular urgency by providing foundation for local economic development organizations to demonstrate a business case to firms in the transportation and logistics sectors, thus, if successful, continue diversification of the local economy; and

**WHEREAS**, local funds and any other funds to be invested in the project have not been obligated and will not be obligated prior to a formal grant award, completion of the environmental review procedures and a formal written authorization to incur costs from the Michigan Economic Development Corporation.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Chippewa County Board of Commissioners hereby designates the County Administrator as the Certifying Officer, the person authorized to certify the Michigan CDBG Application, and the person authorized to sign the Grant Agreement and payment requests.

A VOTE WAS TAKEN AS FOLLOWS:

AYES: Commissioners Egan, Johnson, Martin, McLean and Chairman Shackleton

NAYS: None

**THE RESOLUTION WAS DECLARED ADOPTED.**

**C) Resolution 16-25 2017 Borrowing Resolution (2016 Delinquent Taxes)**

It was moved by Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Commissioner McLean, to approve Resolution 16-25 as follows: *(See attached exhibit A)*

**RESOLUTION NO. 16-25**

A roll call vote was taken as follows:

YEAS: Commissioners Egan, Johnson, Martin, Mclean and Chairman Shackleton

NAYS: None

**THE RESOLUTION WAS DECLARED ADOPTED**

D) Resolution 16-26 Supporting Appointing of Robert Laitinen

It was moved by Commissioner McLean, seconded by Commissioner Martin, to approve Resolution 16-26 as follows:

**RESOLUTION NO. 16-26  
SUPPORTING THE APPOINTMENT OF ROBERT LAITINEN, CHIPPEWA COUNTY  
ROAD COMMISSION MANAGER, TO THE NEW STATEWIDE WETLAND  
MITIGATION BANKING BOARD**

**WHEREAS**, Robert W. Laitinen currently serves as the Superintendent / Manager of the Chippewa County Road Commission, and

**WHEREAS**, He has worked for the Road Commission since 2004 and has served in his current position since 2008, and

**WHEREAS**, Through his work for the Road Commission he has acquired very specific and detailed knowledge of both Michigan's wetland protection statute, specifically part 303 of the Michigan Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act as well as Act 51 of 1951 which is the main funding mechanism for transportation agencies in this state, and

**WHEREAS**, The Michigan Legislature recently passed PA 246 of 2016 which amended Act 51 and creates a statewide "Wetland Mitigation Banking Board" which will oversee expenditure of funds from the "Wetland Mitigation Banking Fund" for the study, engineering, acquisition, and construction of wetland mitigation banks by Road Commissions and Municipalities across the state, and

**WHEREAS**, These newly established banks will make wetland mitigation acreage available for the use of or purchase by transportation agencies as well as making a portion of the acreage available for purchase by private developers, and

**WHEREAS**, Having a representative from the Eastern Upper Peninsula with the necessary experience and knowledge serving on this board would be a great benefit for the transportation agencies, Economic Development Corporations and potential developers from this region and across the state, and

**WHEREAS**, the Chippewa County Board of Commissioners does believe that Robert Laitinen does have the experience and knowledge necessary to serve on this board, so

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Chippewa County Board of Commissioners, in the best interest of the public, does hereby support the appointment of Robert W. Laitinen to the Wetland Mitigation Banking Board by the County Road Association of Michigan.

**I HEREBY CERTIFY** that the above is a true and exact copy of a resolution adopted at a regular meeting of the Chippewa County Board of Commissioners held at the Chippewa County Building on November 14, 2016.

A VOTE WAS TAKEN AS FOLLOWS

AYES: Commissioners Egan, Johnson, Martin, McLean, Shackleton

NAYS: None

**THE RESOLUTION WAS DECLARED ADOPTED.**

E) Resolution 16-27 Fiscal Year 2017 Budget Resolution – *to be completed as approved*

It was moved by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Egan to approve the FY 2017 Budget Resolution as originally adopted reflecting an \$11,000 surplus in the budget.

A discussion followed.

It was moved by Commissioner McLean, to amend Commissioner Martin's motion as follows:

Take the expense for the roof repair out of the DTRF *Deferred Tax Revolving Fund* in the amount that is budgeted \$300,000 and use that money in this way.

- Pay the Health Department's Retiree obligation for this year, which is \$131,000
- Reinstate the \$88,000 for the RN Public Health Nurse that goes out and services people in the community.
- Pay the Water Technician for the lakes in the amount of \$6,000

Commissioner McLean went on to say that this would amount to \$225,000 of the \$300,000. Then apply \$50,000 of that to the employee retirement fund, with that leaving \$25,000 which would be best applied to our fund balance, raising it from \$11,000 to \$36,000.

Commissioner Johnson seconded Commissioner McLean's motion.

A lengthy discussion followed.

Commissioner Martin indicated that he believes that the DTRF is our legacy for our children and grandchildren to keep this county in a good position noting the \$300,000 for the roof is already in the budget.

Other concerns were:

- How it would affect our ratings on our bonds.
- The amount of interest it costs us to borrow.
- Our diminishing cash flow from Lansing.

After referencing his concerns, Chairman Shackleton stated that this is not just a bad idea, it's irresponsible.

Commissioner McLean stated that he would be open to \$131,000 that satisfies the retiree benefits.

It was moved by Commissioner Egan, to take care of the Health Department's OPEB obligation. This was seconded by Commissioner McLean.

Chairman Shackleton, for clarification, stated the following:

The original motion was Commissioner Martin's motion to adopt the budget as presented by our administration, and then we have Commissioner McLean's motion to amend the budget as referenced above. There is a second motion, by Commissioner Egan that has been supported, by Commissioner McLean, to take care of the Health Department's OPEB obligation.

A discussion continued.

In an effort to assure he understood everything correctly, with all the amendments back and forth, the administrator stated the following:

The Health Department would get \$150,000 that the administration originally budgeted for the Health Department, plus another \$131,000 coming out of fund balance to pay their OPEB obligation and that would be the final budget.

Chairman Shackleton indicated that, that is the motion as he understood.

Commissioner McLean asked if the roof expense would come out of the fund balance or out of the DTRF?

Chairman Shackleton indicated that the budget as submitted by the administration would stay the same with the change that \$131,000 would come out of fund balance to go to the Health Department to pay their OPEB liability.

Chairman Shackleton restated the motion on the floor for clarification. This vote will be to change Commissioner McLean's amendment, which would simply approve the budget as submitted by the administration, with \$131,000 coming out of fund balance, to pay for the Health Department's OPEB obligation which is their retiree health care contribution.

See Attached

A VOTE WAS TAKEN AS FOLLOWS

AYES: Commissioners Egan, Johnson, McLean

NAYS: Commissioners Martin, and Chairman Shackleton

THE MOTION WAS DECLARED ADOPTED 3/2

Chairman Shackleton explained that now they have a motion on the floor which is Commissioner McLean's amended motion. He stated, it's the same thing we're now voting on whether to amend the budget so that it stays as presented, but we'll take \$131,000 out of fund balance to pay the County Health Department's OPEB contribution for the year. He noted this is actually the same thing; we amended it, to be this, now we have to vote on it.

A VOTE WAS TAKEN AS FOLLOWS:

AYES: Commissioners Egan, Johnson, McLean

NAYS: Commissioners Martin, Chairman Shackleton

CHAIRMAN SHACKLETON DECLARED THE MOTION PASSED 3/2

Chairman Shackleton communicated that now, we come back to the original motion, which was Commissioner Martin's, his motion was originally to pass the budget resolution as recommended by the administration, that motion has been amended a couple times as referenced above.

A VOTE WAS TAKEN AS FOLLOWS

AYES: Commissioners Egan, Johnson, McLean

NAYS: Commissioners Martin, Chairman Shackleton

CHAIRMAN SHACKLETON DECLARED THE MOTION PASSED 3/2

**F) Vacancies Announcements for Boards and Commissions**

The Chair noted that they advertised for Boards and Commissions and that they have a list of them that came in. He explained that, at this point, the only action they need to take is to accept them.

It was moved by Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Egan, to accept the applications that were submitted for county board vacancies and commissions. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

**Chippewa County Building Authority**  
Expires 12/31/16 (1 year appointment)  
2 appointments  
Current: James Traynor, Nicholas Huyck

Applicants: Earl Kay, Clayton McGahey, Ronald Meister, James Traynor

**Building Code Board of Appeals**

Expires 12/31/16 (2 year appointment)

3 appointments

Current: Kathy Cairns, Joan Marie Roney, Samuel White

Applicants: Kathy Cairns, Clayton McGahey, Samuel White

**Department of Health & Human Services**

Expires 12/31/16 (3 year appointment)

1 appointment

Current: John Kibble

Applicants: John Kibble, Peggy Starr, Kevin White

**Department of Veterans Affairs**

Expires 3/31/17 (1 year appointment)

1 appointment

Current: Nicholas Huyck

Applicants: Don Cooper, Nicholas Huyck, Travis Rondeau

**Economic Development Corporation**

Expires 3/31/17 (6 year appointment)

1 appointment

Current: Richard Brawley

Applicants: Richard Brawley, Bradley Ormsbee, James Raffaele, Kevin White

**E 9-1-1 Chippewa County Central Dispatch**

Expires 12/31/16 (1 year appointment)

1 appointment (Citizen Group Representative)

Current: George Kinsella

Applicants: Norman Jahn, Earl Kay, George Kinsella, James Traynor

**Hiawatha Behavioral Health Authority**

Expires 3/31/17 (3 year appointment)

1 appointment

Current: Kathy Cairns

Applicants: Kathy Cairns, Tom Farnquist, Ronald Meister, Jim Moore, Robin Lynne Savoie

**Jury Commission**

Expires 4/30/17 (6 year appointment)

1 appointment

Current: Marjean Roe

Applicants: Norman Jahn, Sandra Rink, Marjean Roe (late)

**Road Commission**

Expires 12/31/16 (six year appointment)

1 appointment

Current: Richard Timmer

Applicants: Richard Timmer, Anthony Stackpoole, James Traynor

**Substance Abuse Disorder Policy Board**

Expires 7/30/2017 (3 year appointment)

1 appointment

Current: Jim Moore

Applicants: Jim Moore

**Superior District Library**

Expires 12/31/16 (1 year appointment)

1 appointment

Current: Karen McClenny

Applicants: Nancy Berkompas, Richard Crofton, Karen McClenny, Sandra Rink

**Transportation Authority**

Expires 12/31/16 (3 year appointment)

1 appointment

Current: Ted Postula

Applicants: Conor Egan (late), Nicholas Huyck, George Kinsella, Clayton McGahey, Bradley Ormsbee, Ted Postula

**War Memorial Hospital, Inc.**

Expires 12/31/16

1 appointment (4 year appointment)  
Current: Ted Postula

Applicants: Conor Egan (late), Raymond Johnson, Ronald Meister, Bradley Ormsbee, Ted Postula, Kevin White

## STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

### **Personnel/Equalization and Apportionment/Transportation/Health and Social Services Committee** Chair - Commissioner Egan October 26, 2016

#### **Agenda Items**

##### **Clerk's Office New Hire**

The Committee received and reviewed the Clerk's Office vacancy replacement hiring of Victoria Lewis effective November 7, 2016.

It was moved by Commissioner Egan, seconded by Commissioner Johnson to concur with the hiring of Victoria Lewis effective November 7, 2016 in the County Clerk's Office. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

##### **Clerk's Office Overtime request**

The Committee reviewed a request from County Clerk Cathy Maleport, regarding seeking overtime hours, due to staffing, the elections and vacation plans; with the turnover of staffing a budget amendment will not be necessary.

It was moved by Commissioner Egan, seconded by Commissioner Martin, to approve overtime hours in the Clerk's Office until the office is back to full staff; with no budget amendment necessary. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

##### **Central Dispatch Increase Part-time Employee Hours**

The Committee was asked to approve Central Dispatch, to have an additional part-time staff member (total 2 part-time employees being ACA eligible), to be ACA eligible and to work up to 79 hours per pay period. This request to change the staffing is due to a recent part-time staff resignation, and two separate employees who will be off on medical disability and will help reduce the number of overtime hours being paid out.

It was moved by Commission Egan, seconded by Commissioner Johnson, to approve the request for Central Dispatch to have two part-time dispatchers that are ACA eligible including being able to work 79 hours per pay period. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

##### **Sheriff's Department – Staffing**

The Committee was updated on a current long-term disability claim (FMLA eligible), and the Departments need to maintain working conditions that promote safety and the well-being of its employees. Following prior practice, a letter will be sent notifying the employee on LTD that their return to work status will have a limited time; which is two years from the beginning of the long term benefits, with no restrictions. The letter also will notify the employee of their employment status being ended once their paid time off (sick, vacation, etc.) has been exhausted. It was noted by everyone that this should not reflect on the employee, it is simply a matter of maintaining working conditions in the Department. During this period the Sheriff's Department would like to advertise, interview and test to fill this position with the understanding that if the above referenced employee can return, for up to two years and take the position back.

It was moved by Commissioner Egan, supported by Commissioner Johnson, to send out the letter regarding the return to work time limit and the change of employment status (Employee 642) when leave time is exhausted and to approve the Sheriff's Department request to replace the position. Commissioner Egan explained that this gives them permission to hire replacements when the department is ready, effective at the start of long term benefits. On a voice vote, that motion carried with the stipulation that the position be held for the two year period, effective the start of the long term benefits. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

#### **Animal Control Final Resolve Policy**

Clarification through Administrative Policy regarding the Chippewa County Animal Control Shelter, was addressed, as the business affairs of the CCACS are managed by the Board of Commissioners. By this policy the official and final approval of all adoptions, transfers, prison programming and fostering decisions are that of the Shelter Manager. Discussion followed and the policy will read as follows:

“The business affairs of the Chippewa County Animal Control Shelter are managed by the Board of Commissioners. The Board exercises full authority, responsibility, and accountability for the Animal Shelter except as otherwise provided by law. The Board of Commissioners gives the Shelter Manger the official and final approval of all adoptions, transfers, prison programming and fostering decisions, and the Shelter Manager is responsible for the decisions made for the health and well-being of the animals that find their way to the Shelter.”

It was moved by Commissioner Egan, seconded by Commissioner Martin, to approve Administrative Policy 608, as referenced above, giving the final approval of all program dispositions to the Shelter Manager. A lengthy discussion followed which included Commissioner McLean reading a prepared statement reflecting the story behind this proposed change in policy regarding the animal shelter.

On a voice vote, the motion failed with Commissioners Egan, Johnson, Martin and McLean voting Nay.

It was moved by Commissioner Egan, seconded by Commissioner McLean to accept, the Personnel/Equalization and Apportionment/Transportation/Health and Social Services Committee meeting minutes of October 26, 2016 as presented. On a voice vote, the motion

carried.

**FINANCE, CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES  
Chairman Commissioner Martin  
November 10, 2016**

**AGENDA ITEMS**

**Administrator Travel**

The Committee reviewed the Administrator's travel, approved via e-mail communication with the Board, but needing an official motion, for his travel to Escanaba for an UPWARD Talent Council meeting.

It was moved by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Egan, to retroactively approve the Administrator's travel to Escanaba on October 21 for an UPWARD Talent County meeting. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

**Annual Report of Balance in Land Sale Proceeds Accounts**

The Committee reviewed the annual report in accordance with MCL 211.78m (8) (h) from County Treasurer Margie Hank, the amount to transfer will be \$114,493.87 from the 2011 Tax Foreclosures including proceeds from the sale of property in the City of Sault Ste. Marie.

It was moved by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Johnson, to accept the annual Balance in the Land Sale Proceeds Account of \$114,493.87 as of December 31, 2016 from 2011 Tax Foreclosures and sale of property within the City of SSM . On a voice vote, the motion carried.

**2017 Remonumentation Grant Agreement**

The Committee reviewed the 2017 Grant Agreement from the Office of Land Surveying and Remonumentation; indicating a grant from 1-1-2017 to 12-31-2017, in the amount of \$90,977.00 with Chippewa County contributing \$15,000 for a total FY2017 project amount of \$105,977.00.

It was moved by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Egan, to approve and authorize signatures, for the 2017 grant agreement between the State of Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs and Chippewa County in the amount of \$90,977.00 with Chippewa County contributing an additional \$15,000.00 for County Remonumentation. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

**Travel Policy choose between Select Cities and All Other**

No action was taken as the Travel Policy will continue to follow the Select Cities breakfast \$10.25; lunch \$10.25 and dinner \$24.25 reimbursement amount associated with reimbursement.

**Heavy Weather – Curtain panels for outdoor kennel area (from donations)**

The Committee reviewed a request from the Shelter Manager regarding installation, of a more permanent way, to enclose the outdoor kennel area in the winter time with all season curtain panels (heavy duty, commercial grade) so that spraying out the area is still possible, as with

permanent walls would not allow. An estimate was provided for review from Belk Contracting, LLC. in the amount of \$5,300 – to be paid from the Animal Shelter donation account.

It was moved by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Johnson, to approve the estimate from Belk Contracting in the amount of \$5,300 to install all season curtain panels at the Chippewa County Animal Control Shelter in the outdoor kennel area. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

### **Dark Stores – Amended Joint Defense Agreement**

Administrator German updated the Committee on the Joint Defense Agreement regarding the Tax Tribunal notifying the Committee that the EUPISD has joined in cost share agreement with 2% not to exceed \$5,000, which will be split evenly between the City of SSM and the County.

It was moved by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Egan, to accept the First Amended Tax Tribunal and Appeal Joint Defense Agreement changing the cost sharing to include the EUPISD, and to split the savings change proportionally between the City of Sault Ste. Marie and the County of Chippewa. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

### **Health Department Personnel**

The Committee reviewed the joint administrative agreed upon updated budget request from the Health Department of \$152,780, which included staffing needs of lead sanitarian, sanitarian and a Program Software Specialist.

It was moved by Commissioner Martin, with Chairman Shackleton noting that this was already included in the budget, that they do not need to act on it resulting in Commissioner Martin removing his motion.

For clarification, it was moved by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner McLean, that the Health Department be authorized to fill the following positions:

- Lead Sanitarian; and
- Sanitarian

On a voice vote, the motion carried.

### **FINANCE - Claims and Accounts**

The Committee reviewed the bills and payroll presented for approval.

It was moved by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Egan, to recommend the approval of November bills and payroll as follow: the general claims totaling \$219,857.94, other fund claims of \$404,186.46, payroll of \$448,375.25, Health Department claims of \$519,504.89; total claims of \$1,592,224.54 and vouchers H-1 through H-231. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

Having completed the agenda items, it was moved by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner McLean to approve the Finance Claims and Accounts minutes of November 10, 2016 as presented. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

COMMISSIONER REPORT ON MEETINGS AS BOARD  
REPRESENTATIVES AND GENERAL COMMENTS

- Commissioner McLean responded to Commissioner Elect Robert Savoie's statements presented during public comments.
- Commissioner Martin also responded to Commissioner Elect Robert Savoie's comments and indicated that the Health Department is a valuable and essential service to our community.
- Chairman Shackleton expressed how much respect he has for the Health Department's leadership noting the home health services and all the other services that they provide are such an asset to our community.

Chairman Shackleton also responded to Mr. Lechner's statement made at last month's meeting. Mr. Lechner communicated to the Board that he comes before them every month and provides information and that the Board does not do anything about it. He explained to Mr. Lechner that his issues are all based on legal matters or lawsuits of previous court findings and some interactions with the federal government. We'll listen to you and we'll listen respectfully to you; however, the Board has no role to get involved in lawsuits; therefore, we are not able to act on the issues you have brought.

Chairman Shackleton wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving

Having completed the agenda items, it was moved by Commissioner McLean, seconded by Commissioner Martin, to adjourn. On a voice vote, the motion carried and the Board adjourned at 7:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine C. Maleport, Clerk

Scott Shackleton, Chairman